

Small Business Commission Statement in Support of Black Lives Matter

The San Francisco Small Business Commission wishes to express its strong support for and solidarity with protestors in San Francisco, all over our country, and the world who seek an end to racism and injustice.

We believe everyone should have an opportunity to build a better future, and skin color should never be a barrier to doing so.

As small business owners we recognize that we have power, however modest, to help create the equity protestors are seeking. We commit ourselves, as a Commission, to using this power to do so. In recognition of the efforts of protestors we will be amending our Mission Statement to reflect this commitment and establish it as a core principle guiding our Commission.

We commend the efforts of Mayor Breed and the Board of Supervisors who have used this moment to advance the goals of equity and justice, through both words and action. We are your allies and will do everything in our power to help you make San Francisco a better City for all.

We also wish to thank and commend the teen organizers who organized the protest at Mission High School last weekend, an event that brought 18,000 people together in peace and solidarity. You give us joy, hope, and inspiration for the future. We are humbled by your leadership.

Finally, we want to acknowledge the small business owners all over San Francisco who have expressed vocal support and solidarity with protestors, even though in some cases their own businesses were damaged during the demonstrations, and despite already struggling due to the global pandemic. We have never been prouder of this community and are grateful for the kindness and leadership San Francisco small businesses are exhibiting.